

# The Hong Kong Daily News

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1885.

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PRICE 30c PER MONTH.

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
December 23 AMARY, British bark, 519, T. Cabelly, off the 20th December, General-SIEMSEN & Co.  
December 30 DENBIGHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,651, Cunard, Shanghai 26th December, General-ADAMSON, BELL & Co.  
December 30 KWANG-WAI, Chinese transport, W. Lawson, Shanghai 26th December.  
December 30 ASPIG, French gurkha, M. de F. Jonquieres, Amoy 22nd December.  
December 30 OMAHA, American corvette, Thos. O. Selfridge, New York 12th August, and Manila 26th December.  
December 30 ALWING, German steamer, 400, P. Moon, Quimion 25th December, General-WILHELM & Co.  
December 30 HECTOR, British steamer, 1,630, Batt, Swatow 29th December, BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
December 30 AGAMENON, British ironclad, from a cruise.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE,  
30TH DECEMBER.  
Denbighshire, British str., for Singapore.  
Tianza, A.-H. str., for Singapore.  
Hector, British str., for Singapore.  
Diamond, British str., for Amoy.  
Triton, German str., for Seagon.  
Strathclyde, British str., for Kuching.  
Quaria, German str., for Seagon.  
Anton, German str., for Foochow.  
Danube, British str., for Swatow.

## DEPARTURES.

December 30 VELCRO, British bark, for Takao.  
December 30 HAPONG, British str., for Swatow.  
December 30 ACTIV, Danish str., for Haiphong.  
December 30 JOHN POTTS, British bark, for Nagasaki.  
December 30 TRIUMPH, German str., for Saigon.  
December 30 AMIGO, German str., for Swatow.  
December 30 NINGPO, British str., for Shanghai.  
December 30 HECTOR, British str., for London.  
December 30 TITANIA, A.-H. str., for Trieste.  
December 30 QUARTA, German str., for Saigon.  
December 30 KWONG-WAI, Chinese transport, for Canton.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Alpine, str., from Quinon - 6 Chinese.  
Per Hector, str., from Swatow. - General Ah Fong, and 763 Chinese.

## REPORTS.

The British steamer *Hector* reports left Swatow on the 29th instant, and had fine weather throughout, light Northerly winds and clear.

## AMERICAN SHIPPING.

December 23 Zafiro, British str., from Hongkong.  
23 Novashaw, British str., from Swatow.  
23 Gluckenburg, German str., from Hongkong.  
23 Seawoo, British str., from Swatow.  
23 Haiphong, British str., from Foochow.  
24 Holloway, British str., from Swatow.

## DEPARTURES.

23 Douglas, British str., for Foochow.  
23 Kenneth, British str., for Hongkong.  
23 Zetland, British str., for Manila.  
23 Haiphong, British str., for Swatow.  
23 Newchow, British str., for Shanghai.  
24 Holloway, British str., for Shanghai.

## FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

December 23 A. L. - 1,000 Chinese, from Shanghai.  
23 Zafiro, British str., from Hongkong.  
23 Novashaw, British str., from Swatow.  
23 Gluckenburg, German str., from Hongkong.  
23 Seawoo, British str., from Swatow.  
23 Haiphong, British str., from Foochow.  
24 Holloway, British str., from Swatow.  
24 Holloway, British str., from Foochow.  
24 Zetland, British str., for Manila.  
24 Douglas, British str., for Foochow.  
24 Kenneth, British str., for Hongkong.  
24 Zetland, British str., for Manila.  
24 Haiphong, British str., for Swatow.  
24 Newchow, British str., for Shanghai.  
25 Zetland, British str., for Shanghai.

## NAGASAKI SHIPPING.

December 23 Higao, Maru, from Wladivostok.

## ABERDEEN.

13. Hua-ship, Chinese str., from Shanghai.

## CHINA.

13. Zafiro, British str., from Hongkong.  
13. Novashaw, British str., from Swatow.  
13. Gluckenburg, German str., from Hongkong.  
13. Seawoo, British str., from Swatow.  
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## AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

HAVE IN THEIR EXTENSIVE COLLECTION

## A GREAT NUMBER OF SUITABLE

## ELEGANT, USEFUL AND

## ORNAMENTAL

## CHRISTMAS

## AND

## NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

SATIN and SILK EMBROIDERIES, LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S GOWNS, JACKETS, SCREENS, WALL DECORATIONS, OLD BROCADES, GENEVINE LAIN, BRONZES, IVORIES, BRONZE, GOLD and SILVER INLAID JEWEL-LEBRY, &c., &c.

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## MOST REASONABLE PRICES.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [2174]

## ELLY AND WALSH, LIMITED.

are now showing a Splendid List of Goods suitable for

## NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS,

11. Hua-ship, Chinese str., for Yokohama.

## 12. Zafiro, British str., for Shanghai.

## 13. Novashaw, British str., for Shanghai.

## 14. Gluckenburg, German str., for Shanghai.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1885.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 31ST, 1885.

The following remarks contained in the final paragraph of the official report on Asiatic cholera, drawn up by a Committee convened by the Secretary of State for India for the purpose of taking into consideration a Report by Drs. E. KLEIN and HENRAGE GIBSON entitled "An Inquiry into the Etiology of Asiatic Cholera," which committee comprised the most eminent authorities in the English medical world, deserve special attention here as elsewhere:—

Although the precise cause of cholera has not been ascertained, sufficient is known of the general char-

acter of the disease as a trustworthy basis for practical measures, and the following statement will not be separate without expressing the conviction that sanitary measures in their true sense, namely, sanitary methods alone, are the only trustworthy means to be adopted for the purpose of restrain-

ing its spread and mitigate its severity when it is prevalent.

Experience in Europe and in the East has shown that sanitary controls and quarantine measures are the most effective and practicable means for arresting the progress of cholera, but are not always infallible; and this not merely because of the rapidity with which their enforcement requires, but also because they are liable to alarm the periods of epidemics of the disease, and to divert public attention at other times from the necessary and constantly existing for the prosecution of sanitary measures of a temporary nature—measures which, moreover, tend to mitigate the incidents of all forms of disease.

What better authority could we have for urging the pressing need of sanitary measures as prophylactic, and proclaiming the utter worthlessness and even mischievousness of quarantine? We have lately had an illustration of the hardship worked by "quarantine laws" in the case of a steamer which having two cases of cholera on board was quarantined here, and did not get release for a prolonged period, more than three weeks if we remember rightly, thereby causing heavy loss to the owners and in a way providing a safeguard to the population. In the face of the opinion delivered by the highest exponents of medical science—numbering among them Dr. WILLIAM AITKEN, F.R.S., Professor of Pathology, Army Medical School; Dr. J. BURDON-SANDERSON, L.L.D., F.R.S., Waynflete Professor of Physiology, Oxford; Dr. NORMAN CHEWERS, C.I.E., Deputy-Surgeon-General, late Principal and Professor of Medicine, Medical College, Calcutta; Dr. F. D. CHAMOIS, F.R.S., Professor of Hygiene, Army Medical School; Sir JOSEPH FAHYRE, K.C.S.I., L.L.D., F.R.S., Surgeon-General, Physician to the Council of India; Sir WILLIAM W. GELL, D.C.L., L.L.D., F.R.S., Physician Extraordinary to the Queen, Physician in Ordinary to the Prince of WALES; Sir W. GUYER HUNTER, K.C.M.G., Surgeon-General, Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, late Principal and Professor of Medicine, Medical College, Bombay; Sir WILLIAM JENNER (President), K.C.B., D.V.L., L.L.D., F.R.S., Physician in Ordinary to the Queen, and many others—it is difficult to see how quarantine can be any longer upheld in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, and especially in a place like Hongkong, where the obstacles in the way of properly enforcing its provisions are insuperable, owing to the impossibility of exercising an effective supervision over the native craft. We hope therefore the Colonial Government will lose as little time as possible in repealing the quarantine regulations, and at the same time push forward with all expedition the needed sanitary measures. Prevention is better than cure, and if steps are taken to prevent hotbeds of an epidemic being formed in our midst it will be far more effective in averting disaster than any efforts to check disease after it once gains a hold. We hope so far for unfortunately escaped any serious epidemic of cholera, though sporadic cases have occurred on several occasions, but we have been warned that if the situation of the soil with matter that should be carefully drained away goes on much longer, some disastrous epidemic will eventually overtake us. The improvement of our drainage and the general sanitation of the Colony therefore requires urgent attention, but the precaution of quarantine can be dispensed with. The proposed latrines on St. George's Island should be erected before the summer comes on again, so that it may be ready for use if required, and vessels having discharged any patients they may have there, right, after fumigation, be at once given free pratique. The Military and Naval Authorities have, we believe, pronounced in favour of quarantining, moved thereto by solicitude for the health of the forces; but they will perhaps be measured by noting on the Committee who made the report quoted from above the names of some of the highest authorities in the Army Medical Service, to which may be added those of Dr. WILLIAM E. E. SMART, (late Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets), Dr. TIMOTHY RICHARDSON LEWIS, Dr. JEFFREY A. MASTISON, and Dr.

JOHN SUTHERLAND. The Imperial Government have already relinquished the practice of imposing quarantine, and with this testimony before them it is hardly likely, we imagine, that they will longer sanction it in the Crown Colonies.

H. B. M. S. Agamemnon, Captain S. Long, returned to his moorings yesterday.

The French gunboat Aspic, Capt. Jonguier, from Amoy 29th instant, arrived here yesterday.

We would remind our readers that the Banks and Finance offices will be closed for the transaction of public business to-morrow, as indicated by advertisements in our front page.

Mr. G. M. Mitchell-Innes was on the Bench as Police Magistrate yesterday. There being only a few unimportant cases to dispose of and Mr. Wise hearing the majority of them, the court rose early.

On reference to the sailing notice on our third page, it will be seen that the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, intended to leave for San Francisco on or about the 19th proximo, will go via Honolulu.

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 30th December.

## EXPORT TRADE.

For American ship *Titan*, sailed on the 18th December, 1885, 1,000 cases of tobacco, 1,000 boxes of cheques, 4,450 bags matting, 1,704 packages of tobacco, 835 cases from 700 cases each, 100 packages of sugar, 500 bags cassia, 200 cases job sticks, 200 packages tannin, 50 cases essential oil, 50 boxes rattans, 25 packages merchandise, and 10 cases chinawares.

Portership *James*, sailed on the 24th December, for London, 21,865 lbs. cotton, and 4,723 lbs. hemp, and 250 bags coffee.

## OILS.

Quotations are—  
Malwa (New) ... \$540 per picul, alc. of 21.  
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## SHARES.

Quotations are—  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—169 per cent. premium.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$450 per picul.

China Trade's Insurance Company's Shares—\$33 per share.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 300 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 125 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$170 per share.  
On Ta Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Carson Insurance Office, Limited—\$80 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$377 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$78 per share.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$100 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton and Marco Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$54 premium, sold.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—5 per cent. discount.

Chun and Yunnan Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$48 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$90 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$155 per share.

China Sulphur Refining Company, Limited—\$56 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium nominal.

Liaon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$20 per share.

No. 1 Co. Co.'s Company's Shares—\$165 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$120 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$20 per share.

Punjab and Sanchi Dua Samstan Mining Company, Limited—\$34.

Salangor Tin Mining Company—\$10 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 18 per share.

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